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METHOD FOR CONNECTING A CONNECTOR-PLUG PART TO THE END OF
AN OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE CABLE AND DEVICE FOR CARRYING OUT
SAID METHOD**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a full and complete response to the Office Action having a mailing date of September 7, 2006. The three month shortened statutory period to respond to the Office Action was set to expire December 7, 2006, which makes this a timely filed response.

Initially, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow this application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.



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Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Check No. 3264 for \$ 200 for extra independent claim fee; and
- (3) Response and Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111.

If an Extension of Time under 37 CFR §1.136 is required and has not been separately petitioned, please consider this Transmittal Letter as including a petition for such Extension of Time and as a further authorization to charge any fee for such Extension of Time, as may be required by 37 CFR §1.17, to Deposit Account No. 14-0112. Also, please charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in connection with this matter to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

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